

Quarterly List of WGBH-TV Programming Providing the Most Significant Treatment of Community Issues - WGBH-TV (October-December 2009)

I. Education/Schools/Youth

Greater Boston L 10/20/09 7pm, 30 min

Justice - Michael Sandel teaches one of Harvard's most popular courses, Justice. In his new book, "Justice: What's the right thing to do?" Sandel opens up his classroom, relating the big questions of political philosophy to the most vexing issues of our day

Hard Problems N 11/22/09 6pm, 60 min

HARD PROBLEMS follows the six exceptional high school students who represented the United States in 2006 at the world's toughest math competition - the International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO). Each year, the grueling and exhilarating contest pits the top teams from 90 countries against one another. In their quest to solve some of the most challenging problems, these dedicated and talented young men and women - some immigrants, others U.S.-born - shatter many stereotypes and cliches about the mathematically gifted. HARD PROBLEMS provides an insightful and thoughtful look at the process that produces and nurtures successful Olympiad teams, and ultimately, the great mathematicians of the future.

Maria Hinojosa L 11/03/2009 3:30am, 30 min

Maria talks with Bobby Sanabria. A percussionist, drummer, composer, arranger, recording artist, producer, filmmaker, conductor, educator, and the recipient of multiple Grammy nominations. He teaches at the Manhattan School of Music and the New School.

Playing for the World: 1904 Indian Girls' Basketball N, 11/22/09 7pm, 60 min

In 1902, a unique combination of Native women came together at a boarding school in Montana. They used the new sport of basketball to help them adjust to a rapidly changing world. Their travels and experiences led them to places they never imagined. Ultimately, they played for something much larger than themselves.

II. Housing/Urban Development

Maria Hinojosa L 10/04/09 11am, 30 min

Guatemalan architect Teddy Cruz has worked on both sides of the border, in San Diego, California and Tijuana, Mexico, for years. A graduate of Harvard University and the American Academy in Rome, Cruz is recognized internationally for his research on new forms of affordable housing. In this conversation with María Hinojosa, Cruz talks about the Tijuana-San Diego area, where some of the most expensive real estate in the U.S. lies next to some of the poorest settlements in Latin America.

Greater Boston L 11/17/09 12am, 30 min

The Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy Board plans to redesign the Dewey Square parcels near South Station to make the area more accessible for programs like ice skating, farmers markets and

arts and crafts. The move would require the removal of scenic gardens planted by the Mass. Horticultural Society after thousands of hours of volunteer work.

III. Public Safety/Crime/Justice

Tavis Smiley N 10/01/09 1:30am, 30 min

Tavis talks with Tom Ridge, former Homeland Security Secretary.

Greater Boston L 10/6/09 12am, 30 min

Casey Sherman's newest book is *Bad Blood* unravels deadly New Hampshire event involving a local scofflaw, a police officer and a mentally imbalanced former Marine.

Greater Boston L 10/08/09 12am, 30 min

Four teenagers were arrested for the brutal murder of a 42-year-old mother and an attack on her 11-year-old daughter.

IV. Needs of Special Interest Groups

Greater Boston L 10/1/09 1am, 30 min

An article in the Pentagon's upcoming Joint Force Quarterly is calling for a lift on the 1993 "don't ask, don't tell" policy. The article argues that gay men and women are forced to lead dishonest lives in an organization that emphasizes integrity

Now on PBS N 11/20/09 8:30pm, 30 min

The Pentagon estimates that as many as one in five American soldiers are coming home from war zones with traumatic brain injuries, many of which require round-the-clock attention. But lost in the reports of these returning soldiers are the stories of family members who often sacrifice everything to care for them. NOW reveals how little has been done to help these family caregivers, and reports on dedicated efforts to support them.

People v. Leo Frank N 11/7/09 1am, 90 min

In 1913 Atlanta, 13-year old Mary Phagan, is found dead in the basement of the National Pencil Company. The police soon focus on Mary Phagan's boss, Leo Frank, a Jewish engineer recently arrived from New York. Frank's murder trial becomes a free-for-all of racial stereotypes and contradictions. He is found guilty largely on the say of the state's star witness, Jim Conley, a black factory sweeper. Leo Frank is sentenced to death, but his story is far from over. Frank's lawyers appeal the conviction 13 times, all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court. Meanwhile, The New York Times leads a crusade to exonerate Frank. At the 11th hour, Georgia Governor John Slaton concludes that Frank had not received a fair trial and commutes his sentence from death to life in prison. But Slaton's decision ignites a backlash. On a hot August afternoon, 25 men drive to the state penitentiary, walk in and -- without any resistance -- abduct Frank. They drive him to an oak grove near Mary Phagan's childhood home. A noose is put around his neck and the small table on which he has been hoisted is kicked out from under him. THE PEOPLE v. LEO FRANK weaves drama with recollections, commentary and archival images. Will Janowitz (The Sopranos) is Leo Frank and Seth Gilliam (The Wire) plays Jim Conley with a script drawn directly from the historical record.

V. Employment/Unemployment/Poverty

Civilian Conservation Corps: American Experience N 11/02/09 9pm, 60 min

In March 1933, within weeks of his inauguration, President Franklin Roosevelt sent legislation to Congress aimed at providing relief for the one out of every four American workers who were unemployed. He proposed the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) to provide jobs in natural resource conservation. Over the next decade, the CCC put more than three million young men to work in the nation's forests and parks, planting trees, building flood barriers, fighting fires and maintaining roads and trails. Corps workers lived in camps under quasi-military discipline, and received a wage of 30 dollars per month, 25 of which they were required to send home to their families. This film tells the story of one of the boldest and most popular New Deal experiments, positioning it as a pivotal moment in the emergence of modern environmentalism and federal unemployment relief.

Frontline: Close to Home N 10/30/09 10pm, 60 min

Producer Ofra Bikel chronicles how the middle class is faring in this recession through the stories of the people who she's come to know at the hair salon she's frequented for the past 20 years. The film reveals the struggles of a small business owner to stay afloat, her sister's risk of imminent foreclosure on her Florida home and the various clients whose lives intersect at this New York City salon -- from well-to-do bankers to struggling actors, each with a story to tell about how they're getting by in these turbulent times.

Documenting the Face of America N 11/22/09 3pm, 60 min

DOCUMENTING THE FACE OF AMERICA tells the inspirational "behind the lens" stories from some of the most celebrated photographers in history. Narrated by Julian Bond, the program highlights the forgotten collective pieces of our past. This story celebrates the courage and vision of legendary photographers and artists such as Dorothea Lange, Walker Evans, Gordon Parks, Marion Post Wolcott, Russell Lee and others who worked with the U.S. government under the unorthodox leadership of Roy Stryker from 1935 to 1943. Together they changed the course of photography, but more important, changed history, as Americans saw what life was like across the nation for the first time -- from North to South, from East to West, for rich and poor and for black and white.

VI. Environment/Ecology

Now on PBS N 10/23/09 8:30pm, 30 min

Imagine you lived in a world of water. Your home is two-feet under. You wade through it, cook on it, and sleep above it. This is the reality for hundreds of thousands of people around the world, coastal populations on the front lines of climate change. Only weeks before world leaders meet in Copenhagen to discuss climate change, NOW senior correspondent Maria Hinojosa travels to Bangladesh to examine some innovative solutions -- from floating schools to rice that can "hold its breath" underwater -- being implemented in a country where entire communities are inundated by water, battered by cyclones, and flooded from their homes. The Denmark conference can't come soon enough. Scientists project global seas will flood 20 percent of Bangladesh by 2030, stranding

some 35 million climate refugees. Some are proposing that industrial nations who contribute to global warming should open their doors to displaced Bangladeshis.

Now on PBS N 10/30/09 8:30pm, 30 min

Home to a worldwide summit on climate change in early December, Denmark is setting a global example in creating clean power, storing it, and using it responsibly. Their reliance on wind power to produce electricity without contributing to global warming is well known, but now they're looking to drive the point home with electric cars. To do this, they've partnered with social entrepreneur Shai Agassi and his company Better Place. NOW investigates how the Danish government and Better Place are working together to put electric cars into the hands of as many Danish families as possible. The idea is still having trouble getting out of the garage here in America, but Denmark could be an inspiration. Will so much green enthusiasm bring about a "Copenhagen Protocol"? This show is part of a series on social entrepreneurs at work that we call "Enterprising Ideas."

Jean-Michel Cousteau: Ocean Adventures N 10/08/09 8pm, 60 min

Cousteau and his team go deep into the spectacular Amazon rainforest to examine the thousands of species that depend on the ecosystem and the devastating effects of human enterprise. It's a journey that Jean-Michel first made 25 years ago with his father Jacques, and now he is making it with his son Fabian and his daughter Celine.

VII. Medical and Mental Health/Social Services

Greater Boston L 10/06/09 7pm, 30 min

Jack Szostak of MGH and Harvard Medical School was recently awarded the Nobel Prize for his research on cancer and aging. Szostak helped solve the major problem of how chromosomes are copied without losing any information during cell division.

Greater Boston L 11/17/09 7pm, 30 min

A controversial new government report suggests women may not need mammograms until age 50 and says there is no benefit to performing self-exams for breast cancer. The report breaks with position of the American Cancer Society which recommends screening for breast cancer at age 40.

Frontline: The Released N 11/10/09 9pm, 60 min

This year, hundreds of thousands of prisoners with serious mental illnesses will be released into communities across America, the largest exodus in the nation's history. Typically, mentally ill offenders leave prison with a bus ticket, \$75 and two weeks worth of medication. Within 18 months, nearly two-thirds are re-arrested. In this follow up to the film "The New Asylums," FRONTLINE examines what happens to the mentally ill when they leave prison and why they return at such alarming rates. The stories of the released -- along with interviews with parole officers, social workers, and psychiatrists -- provide a rare look at the lives of the mentally ill as they struggle to stay out of prison and reintegrate into society.

VIII. Economy/ Business

Bill Moyers Journal N 10/30/09 9pm, 60 min

The Dow's up, but why are Main Street Americans still reeling from last year's economic collapse? With Americans still facing rising unemployment, foreclosures, and declining property values, renowned economist James K. Galbraith on whether we've averted another crisis and how to get help for the middle class. James K. Galbraith is the Lloyd M. Bentsen, Jr. Chair in Government/Business Relations at the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin. Galbraith has authored six books, most recently *The Predator State: How Conservatives Abandoned the Free Market and Why Liberals Should Too*. And, National Review senior editor Richard Brookhiser talks about his mentor William F. Buckley, Jr. and today's conservative movement.

Ascent of Money N 11/22/09 8pm, 60 min

The ability to calculate risk has led to the creation of enormous wealth, or when calculated incorrectly, catastrophic economic fallout. By the mid 20th century, in order to cope with natural and manmade disasters that had exhausted private insurance, Japan eliminated risk by creating a welfare state in which the government protected every citizen from any kind of casualty. The system remained viable for decades, but today is on the verge of collapse. In the mid 1970s, Chile followed the teachings of economist Milton Friedman to become the first of many nations to dismantle its welfare state and reassume risk to create growth. Another tool of wealth creation based on risk assessment - hedging on derivatives - emerged from Chicago beginning in 1874 and has led to the creation of great fortunes by financiers such as George Soros and to the downfall of firms like AIG.

IX. Family/Morality/Religion

Big Squeeze N 10/04/09 5:30pm, 30 min

THE BIG SQUEEZE is a joyful leap into the heart of Texas music. And where there's music there's usually some grilling going on. That's why Herminio Ramirez builds a stage right in the tiny kitchen of their Houston home for his son John. From the urban barrios of Houston to the colonials along the U.S.-Mexican border, legacies fueled by the passion-stirring combination of family, friends and food, is being passed along. In THE BIG SQUEEZE, we follow 16 year old John Ramirez and other young musicians as they do battle at the statewide accordion throw down.

Life (Part 2): Caregiving N 11/7/09 6pm, 30 min

Illness can be just as hard on the caregiver as the patient - sometimes even harder. Physician Esther Sternberg (*The Balance Within: The Science of Connecting Health and Emotions*), novelist Tommy Hays and author Gail Sheehy (currently at work on a new book about caregiving) discuss the need to care for yourself while you are caring for a loved one. Then, "The View" co-host Joy Behar explains how her late-blooming career helped make her the comfortable and confident woman she is today. Alix Kates Shulman, author of *To Love What Is*, talks about caring for her husband after the accident that changed their lives forever.

Life (Part 2): Money is Love N 11/21/09 6pm, 30 min

Whether it's your parents' wills or your kids moving back home, money can be a thorny issue. Financial planner Ross Levin, social psychologist Jane Adams and economist Chris Farrell, a regular contributor to *Fortune* and NPR, discuss how to be smart about financial issues within your own family. Then, Dr. Marianne Legato (*Why Men Die First*) explains how aging affects men and

women differently - from sickness to sex. Novelist and television producer Ron Fried tries to prevent becoming a cliché.